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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Previously Amended) An enhanced broadcasting system for presenting audio or video broadcasts and related enhancements, the system comprising:

a receiver for receiving an audio and video broadcast signal;

a first display unit, connected to the receiver, for displaying content of the audio and video broadcast signal;

a code fragment including at least one instruction correlated to the content of the audio and video broadcast signal;

a computer configured for receiving the code fragment;

the computer executing software for interpreting the instruction of the code fragment and correlating the instruction of the code fragment to the audio and video broadcast signal with respect to time; and

a second display unit, connected to the computer, having a screen display which is updated based upon the interpreted instruction of the code fragment.

Claim 2. (Original) The enhanced broadcasting system of claim 1 further comprising:

an application clock operatively connected to said computer and synchronized to a house clock such that the broadcast signal and the code fragment are correlated with respect to time.

Claim 3. (Previously Amended) The enhanced broadcasting system of claim 1 wherein the software is an applet.

Claim 4. (Original) The enhanced broadcasting system of claim 1 wherein the code fragment is written in JavaScript.

Claim 5. (Original) The enhanced broadcasting system of claim 1 wherein the computer receives the code fragment through a communication network.

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Claim 6. (Previously Amended) The enhanced broadcasting system of claim 5 wherein the communication network is the Internet.

Claim 7. (Previously Amended) An enhancement for the content of an audio and video broadcast, the enhancement comprising:

a code fragment including at least one instruction correlated to the content of the audio and video broadcast and a time stamp such that updating of a screen display is based upon interpretation of the instruction of the code fragment and is chronologically synchronized to receipt of the broadcast.

Claim 8. (Original) The enhancement of claim 7 wherein the code fragment is written in JavaScript.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) A method for providing enhanced television broadcasting, the method comprising:

selecting a common time for a synchronized presentation of an audio and video signal and a related enhancement, the related enhancement including an instruction;

broadcasting the audio and video signal for receipt by a broadcast receiver;

sending the related enhancement from a server computer over a network for receipt by a client computer;

displaying the audio and video signal on a first display screen at the common time;

interpreting at least one instruction associated with included in the related enhancement, which instruction is correlated to the content of the audio and video signal; and

displaying a screen display which is updated based upon the interpreted instruction on a second display screen at the common time.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) The method for providing enhanced television broadcasting of claim 9, wherein the related enhancement comprises a code fragment.

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Claim 11. (Original) The method for providing enhanced television broadcasting of claim 10 wherein the code fragment comprises a timestamp.

Claim 12. (Original) The method for providing enhanced television broadcasting of claim 10, wherein the first display screen is operatively connected to a television and the second display screen is operatively connected to a computer monitor.

Claim 13. (Previously Amended) The method for providing enhanced television broadcasting of claim 9, further comprising:
receiving an input from a user of the client computer;
executing software on the client computer to analyze the input;
assigning points to the user according to the analyzed input, such that the user accumulates an earned score.

Claim 14. (Original) The method for providing enhanced television broadcasting of claim 13, further comprising:
delivering to a particular user earned scores of each of a plurality of users;
organizing the delivered earned scores accordingly to their relative values; and
displaying the organized earned scores to be viewed by the particular user.

Claim 15. (Original) The method for providing enhanced television broadcasting of claim 14 wherein the plurality of users is selected by the particular user.

Claim 16. (Original) The method for providing enhanced television broadcasting of claim 14 wherein the delivering of earned scores of a plurality of users to a particular user is in response to the particular user joining a group comprising the plurality of users.

Claim 17. (Original) The method for providing enhanced television broadcasting of claim 16 wherein the joining comprises the steps of:
providing to the server computer a group name assigned to the group; and

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providing to the server computer a password assigned to the group and uniquely associated with the group name.

Claim 18. (Previously Amended) The method for providing enhanced television broadcasting of claim 13 further comprising:

assigning a group name to a group, the group capable of being accessed by a plurality of users;

assigning a password to the group, such that the group name and the password are uniquely associated;

storing the uniquely associated group name and password on the server computer;

receiving at the server computer a query group name and a query password from a joining user;

comparing the query group name and query password received from the joining user to the uniquely associated group name and password stored on the server computer;

providing the joining user access to the group if the query group name and query password are identical to the uniquely associated group name and password stored on the server computer; and

reporting to each user having access to the group the earned score of all users having access to the group.

Claim 19. (Original) The method for providing enhanced television broadcasting of claim 18 further comprising:

ranking the earned scores of the plurality of users having access to the group to determine a relative score for each user having access to the group; and

reporting, to each user having access to the group, the relative scores.

Claim 20. (Original) The method for providing enhanced television broadcasting of claim 19, wherein the reporting comprises displaying the relative scores in ranked order within a leaderboard.

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Claim 21. (Previously Presented) The enhanced broadcasting system of claim 1 further comprising:

an authoring system for generating the instruction of the code fragment such that the instruction is correlated to the content of the audio and video broadcast signal.

Claim 22. (Previously Presented) The enhanced broadcasting system of claim 21 wherein the authoring system generates the instruction of the code fragment as the audio and video broadcast signal is broadcast.

Claim 23. (Previously Presented) The enhanced broadcasting system of claim 1 further comprising:

a push server for delivering the code fragment to the computer.

Claim 24. (Newly Added) An enhanced broadcasting system for presenting audio or video broadcasts and related enhancements, the system comprising:

a receiver that receives an audio and video broadcast signal;

a first display, connected to the receiver, for displaying content of the audio and video broadcast signal;

a computer configured to receive a code fragment and execute at least one instruction in the code fragment, the code fragment correlated to the content of the audio and video broadcast signal; and

a second display, connected to the computer, having a screen display which is updated based upon the computer's execution of the at least one instruction in the code fragment.

Claim 25. (Newly Added) The enhanced broadcasting system of claim 24, wherein the code fragment is written in JavaScript.

Claim 26. (Newly Added) The enhanced broadcasting system of claim 24, wherein the computer receives the code fragment through a communication network.

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Claim 27. (Newly Added) The enhanced broadcasting system of claim 26, wherein the communication network is the Internet.

Claim 28. (Newly Added) The enhanced broadcasting system of claim 24, further comprising an input device configured to receive an input from the user based on the updated screen display of the second display unit; and

Claim 29. (Newly Added) The enhanced broadcasting system of claim 28, further comprising a transmitter that transmits the input from the user to a broadcaster, the broadcaster composing the second broadcast signal.